



General Assembly

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Proposed Bill No. 5364

LCO No. 621



Referred to Committee on JUDICIARY

Introduced by:
REP. CAMILLO, 151st Dist.

AN ACT CONCERNING THE USE OF THERAPY DOGS IN CRIMINAL PROSECUTIONS.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

- 1 That chapter 961 of the general statutes be amended to provide that
- 2 in any criminal prosecution involving an alleged violent crime and
- 3 testimony from a victim of such crime, such victim shall be permitted
- 4 to be accompanied by a therapy dog while testifying in the criminal
- 5 prosecution, provided such dog is not visible to the jury.

Statement of Purpose:

To allow a therapy dog to accompany a victim of an alleged violent crime when such victim is testifying in court concerning events related to the criminal prosecution.